



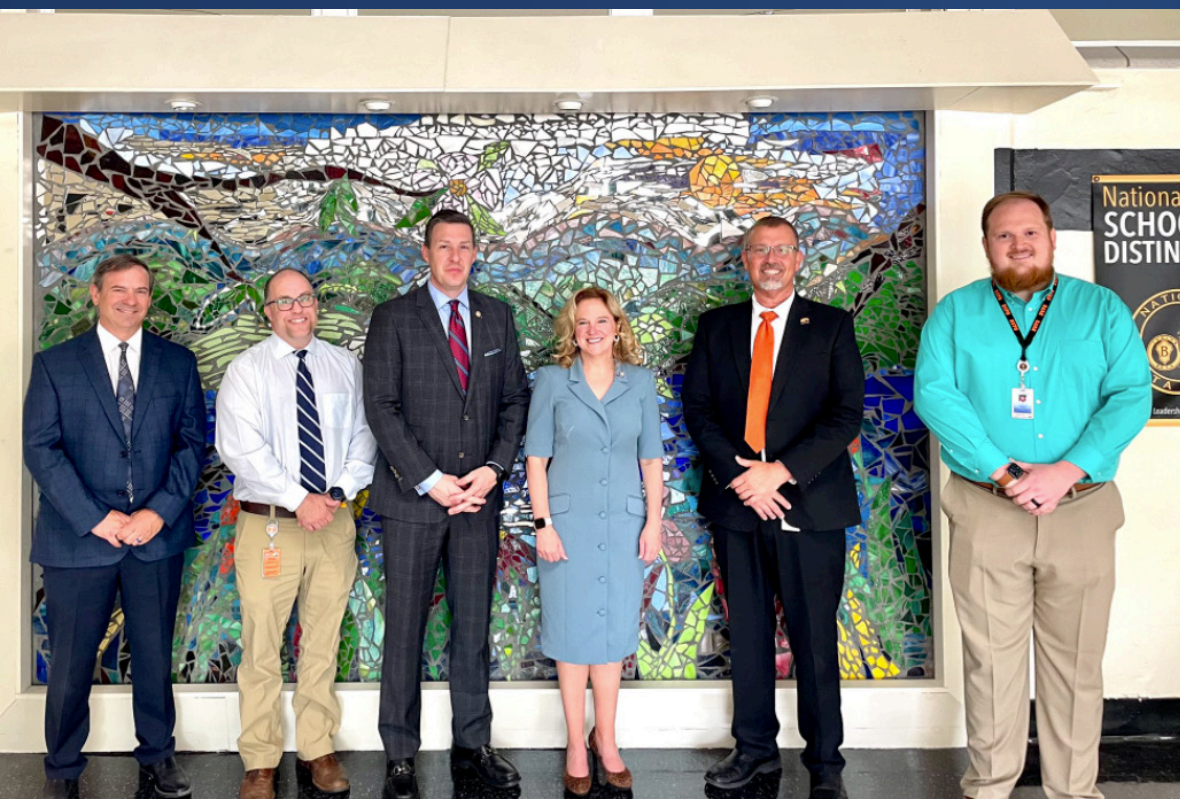
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There are heroic educators
and leaders in every school
and community.



**The perception of how Virginia
thinks children are doing in school
*is different than reality.***

VIRGINIA EDUCATION:

Sporadic Sharing of Data

Lowered Expectations

Declining Achievement

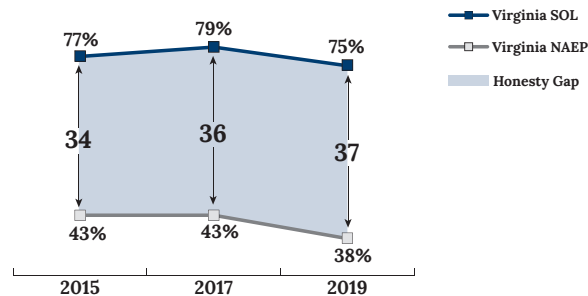
We need to move Virginia forward in a new direction, **focused on students first.**

WIDENING GAPS

Low-income and students of color do not always receive the same access to excellent learning opportunities, programs, or even school buildings, creating disparities that continue after they cross the graduation stage.

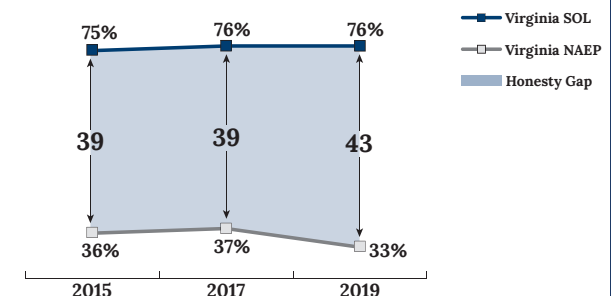
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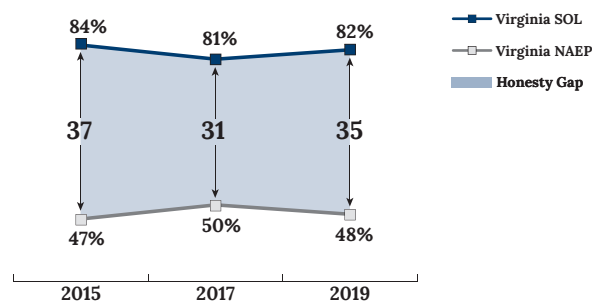
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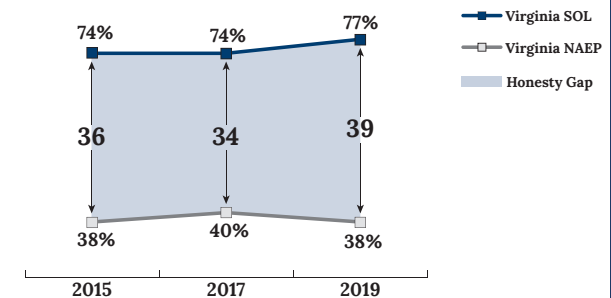
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Grade-4 Math | Percent Proficient and Above



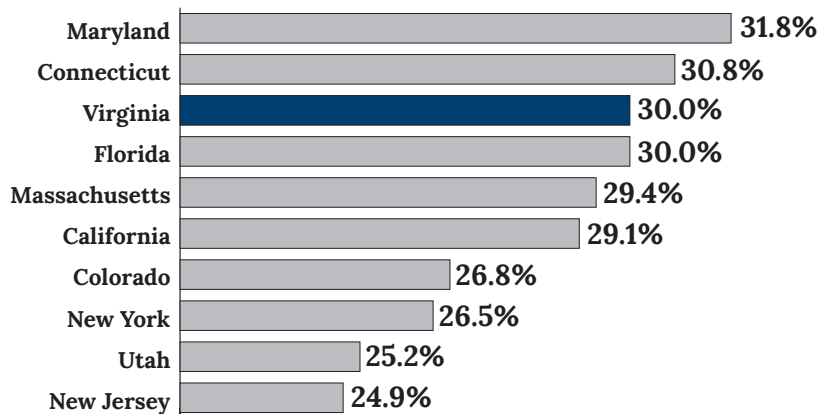
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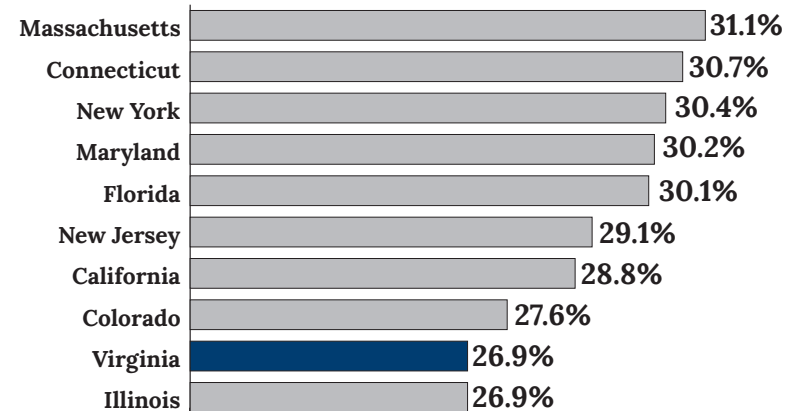


STUDENT ADVANCED PLACEMENT PERFORMANCE

2014: Top 10 AP States Graduates with Qualifying Scores



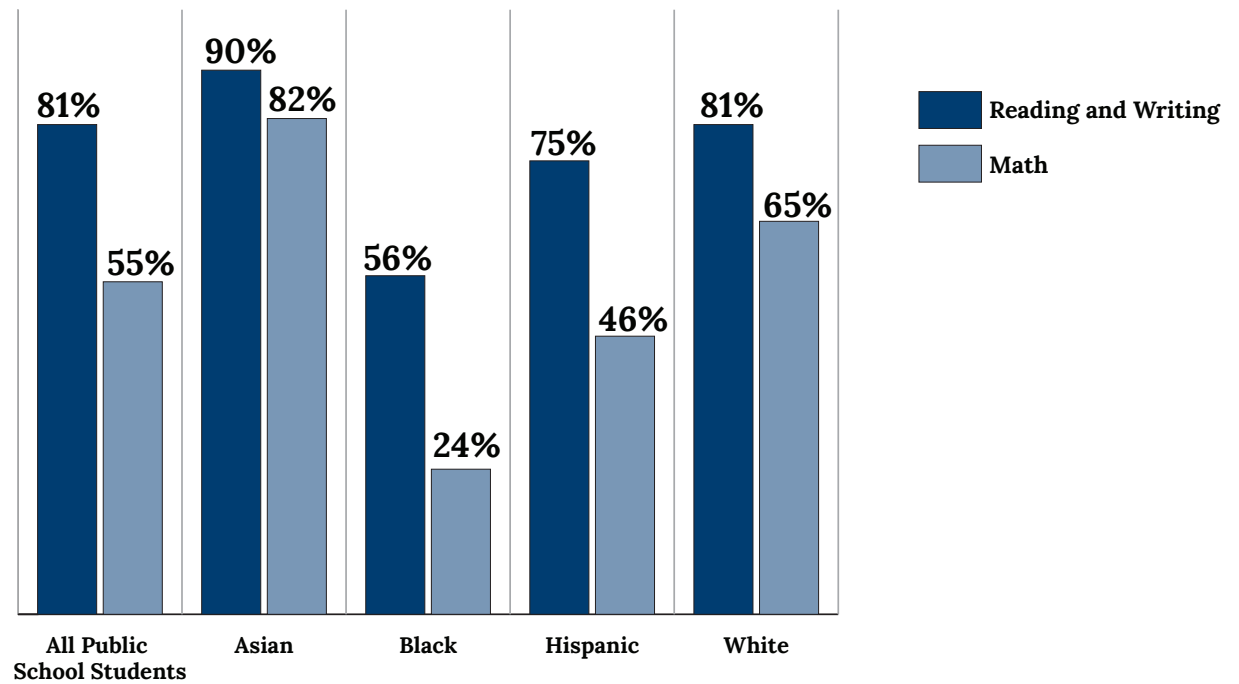
2021: Top 10 AP States Graduates with Qualifying Scores



STUDENT SAT PERFORMANCE

Virginia SAT 2019

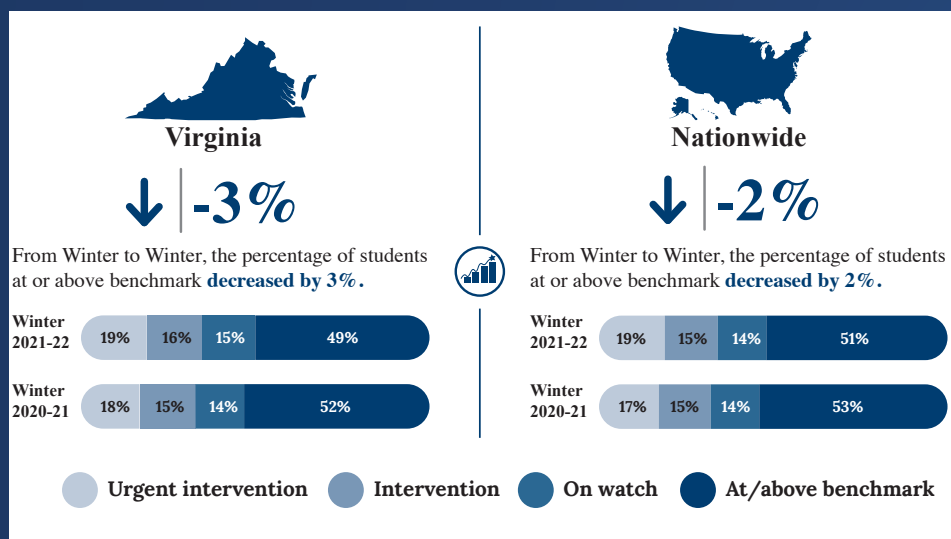
Percentage of Students Meeting Benchmarks by Race/Ethnicity



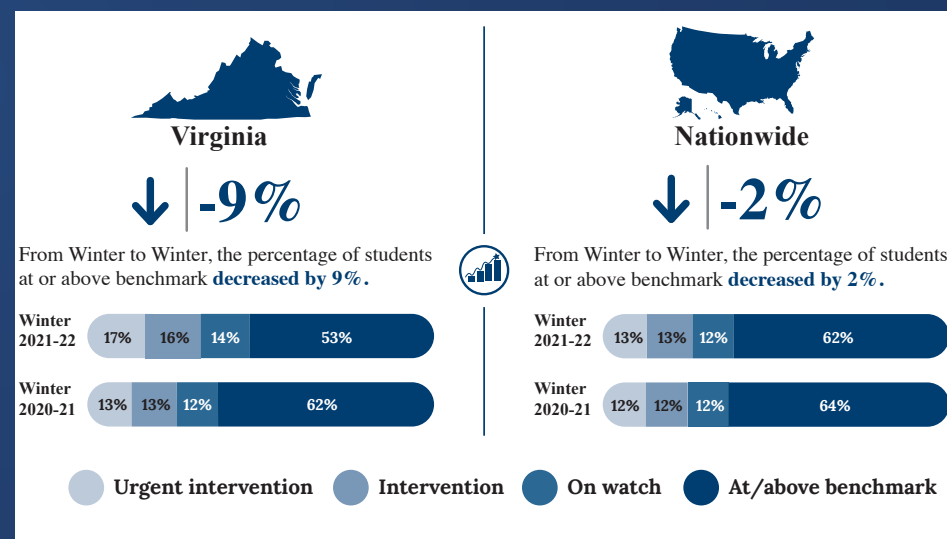
LEARNING LOSS

The shift to remote learning has only served to increase the urgency behind this call to action, as we continue to learn the extent of the harm done to all students.

LITERACY



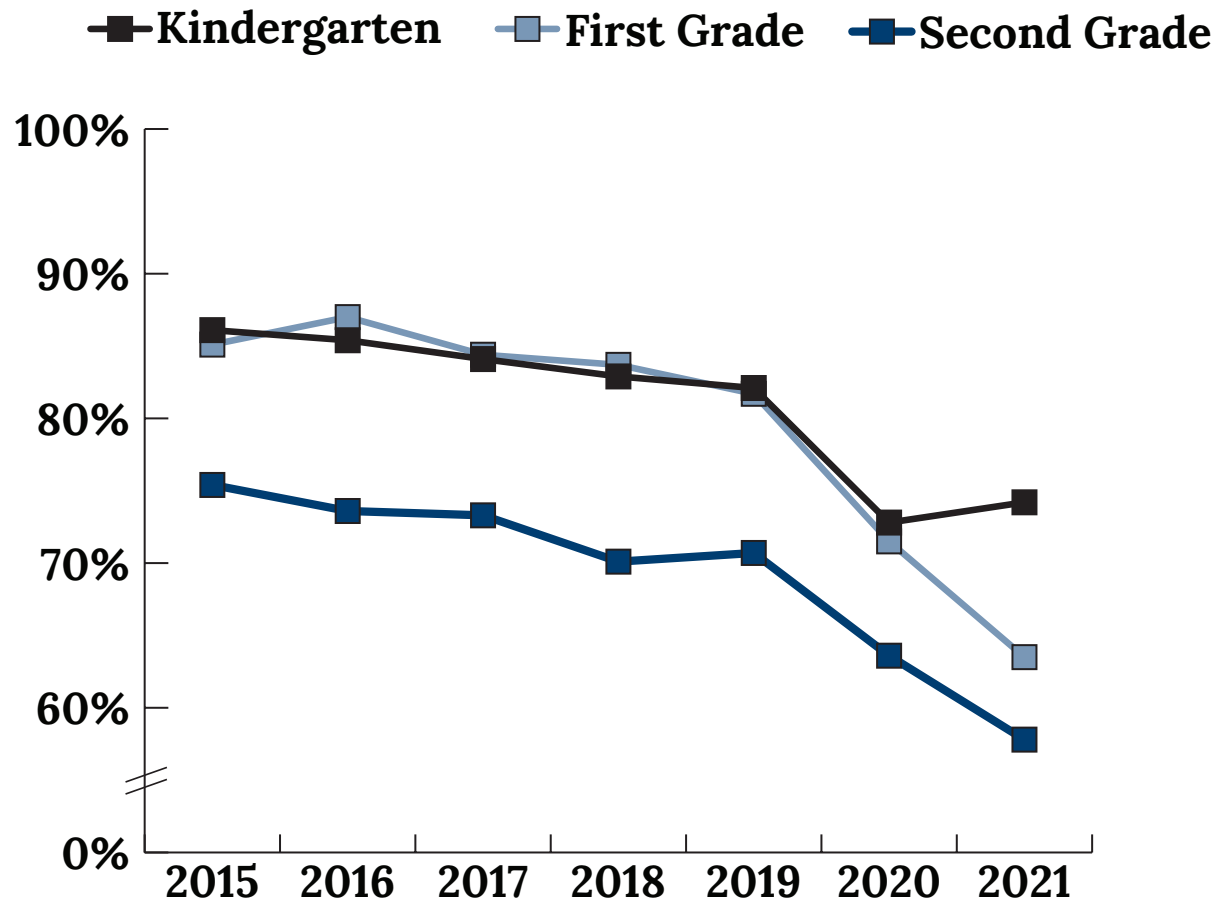
MATH



Source: [Renaissance: How Kids Are Performing](#).

Percent of K-2 Students At or Above the PALS Benchmark

Fall 2015-2021



Parents of almost **60,000** school-age children chose to homeschool their children during the 2020-2021 school year - an increase of **56%** over the 2019-2020 school year.



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HIGH EXPECTATIONS

All students deserve to be held to high expectations aligned to the needs of the knowledge economy. We will prioritize resources for those students and communities furthest behind and teach comprehensive history.

EMPOWER PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Parents are their child's first and most important teacher. They must be an integral player in our education systems. Next to parents, having a quality teacher is the greatest determinant of a child's success. Great teachers must be celebrated and rewarded.

ZERO-TOLERANCE FOR DISCRIMINATION

We will not allow the ascribing of traits or behavior based on race, gender, political beliefs, or religion. We will reinforce that every person has a right to reach his or her full potential. Education should provide them with the tools and knowledge to do so.

INNOVATION

There is excellence in education in Virginia, but there are many children who have not had access to that excellence. We will create a culture of innovation that breaks the "one size fits all" education model by increasing school choice.
(e.g. lab schools)

TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY

Our education systems will be held accountable for preparing all learners for success in life. This requires an emphasis on evidence and transparency.

POST-SECONDARY READINESS

Learners must be empowered with multiple pathways to post-secondary success, including apprenticeships, internships, workforce training, dual enrollment, and other opportunities.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH & INQUIRY

Our institutions of learning will embody a commitment to free speech and the exploration of diverse ideas. Our democracy rests on the foundation that education must teach every generation how to think, not what to think.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR VIRGINIA EDUCATION

